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FOR CHARGE FROM ACTING ASST SECRETARY BUSHNELL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AODE, AFSP, APER

SUBJECT: MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

1. AS BUREAU PREPARES, WITHIN MODE GUIDELINES, TO MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT ELIMINATING AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS FROM VARIOUS AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT CEILINGS THROUGHOUT ARA, WE WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOU ONCE MORE TO OBTAIN YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCURRENCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MODE REQUESTS SENT TO BOGOTA IN RECENT MONTHS, THE POST IDENTIFIED AN AMERICAN POSITION WHICH COULD BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE CONDUCT OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH COLOMBIA. AS YOU KNOW, AT HIS MARCH
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13 CABINET MEETING, PRESIDENT CARTER REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO MAKE A SELECTIVE REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL SERVING UNDER DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION ABROAD. ACCORDINGLY, LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES SUMMARIZING THE STAFF REDUCTIONS YOU RECOMMENDED AND REQUESTING THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT THESE REDUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978.

THE PROPOSED STAFF REDUCTION IN QUESTION, AND THE CONCERNED
AGENCY RESPONSE IS SUMMARIZED BELOW:

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

U.S.

ICA 1 (FIELD SUPERVISOR POSITION)

AGENCY RESPONSE

ICA CONCURS IN THE REDUCTION OF ONE AMERICAN POSITION
ALTHOUGH THE AGENCY WANTS TO RESERVE JUDGMENT ON THE
EXACT POSITION PENDING COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT COUNTRY
PLAN AND ZBB EXERCISES.

3. IN REVIEWING THIS RESPONSE, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR
TO BE ANY OVERWHELMING ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF RETAINING
THE POSITION IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO
RECEIVE YOUR FINAL COMMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE AGENCY
REPLY.

4. AMBASSADOR ASECIO IS BEING PROVIDED A COPY OF THIS
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